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	A2	5,423,389	06/13/1995	Warren et al.	175	75	03/25/1994
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	A6	European Search Report dated 11/6/2003 (3 pgs.)

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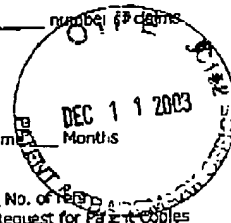
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